

CLAIM LISTING

Claims pending:

- At time of the Action: 1-32
- After this Response: 1, 28, and 33-51

Currently Amended claims: 1 and 28

Canceled claims: 2-27 and 29-32

New Claims: 33-51

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings:

1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method ~~of providing investment information to a user of a first computer~~, comprising the steps of:

(1) ~~receiving in a second computer~~ a plurality of data feeds of data each including information concerning a plurality of one or more investments;

(2) parsing each of the plurality of ~~data feeds~~ of data to extract at least one quantitative data ~~items~~ item for each of the ~~plurality of~~ one or more investments;

(3) comparing each ~~extracted~~ quantitative data item that was extracted to one or more ~~of a plurality of~~ triggers specified by a user, each trigger comprising an association between a predefined criterion ~~of interest~~, specified by ~~a person~~ an entity other than the user ~~of the first computer~~, and one or more of the ~~extracted~~ quantitative data items that were extracted and, ~~if~~ when the comparison indicates a match, setting forwarding, to a computer associated with the user, a ~~an~~ corresponding alert for ~~that~~ the trigger that corresponds to the criterion that matched; and

(4) causing the computer associated with the user to display the alert for the trigger specified by the user ~~displaying on a screen associated with the first computer one or more alerts that have been set for an investment selected by the user of the first computer, wherein at least some of the alerts belong to a category~~

~~reserved for most timely and relevant alerts, the at least some of the alerts being displayed in a manner indicating their membership in the category.~~

Claims 2-27 cancelled

28. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method ~~of providing investment information to a user of a first computer~~, comprising the steps of:

(1) ~~receiving in a second computer~~ a plurality of data feeds of data each feed of data including information ~~concerning~~ associated with a plurality of investments;

(2) parsing each of the plurality of ~~data feeds~~ of data to extract quantitative data items for each investment of the plurality of investments;

(3) comparing each ~~extracted~~ quantitative data item that was extracted to one or more ~~of a plurality of~~ triggers specified by a user, each of the one or more triggers ~~trigger~~ comprising an association between a predefined criterion ~~of interest~~, specified by ~~a person~~ an entity other than the user ~~of the first computer~~, and one of the extracted quantitative data items and, ~~if~~ when the comparison indicates a match, setting ~~a corresponding~~ an alert ~~for~~ that corresponds to the trigger; and

(4) forwarding the alert for display on a screen for a computer associated with the user, the alert flagged for presentation as a footnote indicator for an investment selected by the user ~~displaying on a screen associated with the first computer a display of information including one or more alerts flagged as footnote-type indicators, the alerts having been set for an investment selected by the user of the first computer.~~

Claims 29-32 canceled.

33. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the alert comprises an electronic mail message that includes the footnote indicator.

34. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 33, wherein the footnote indicator comprises a link to the information that includes the quantitative data item that matched the criterion.

35. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the alert further comprises the footnote indicator and the quantitative data item that matches the criterion in a preformatted message determined by the entity that is not the user.

36. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 35, wherein the footnote indicator includes information from one or more of the plurality of feeds of data.

37. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the alert further comprises a footnote indicator that indicates a parameter that caused the alert to be displayed.

38. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the alert further comprises the footnote indicator that is usable to access a particular feed of data of the plurality of feeds, the particular feed includes information on which the alert was based.

39. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 38, wherein the alert is output in a web browser for display on the screen.

40. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein each quantitative data item that was extracted is included in a parameterized data field.

41. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 28, wherein the alert comprises a text message.

42. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 28, wherein the alert includes the quantitative data item that matched the criterion.

43. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 28, wherein content included in the alert is specified by an entity other than the user.

44. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 28, wherein the footnote indicator comprises a link to a particular feed of data of the plurality of feeds of data that included the quantitative data item that matched the criterion.

45. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 28, wherein the footnote indicator comprises information, from the plurality of feeds of data, that includes the quantitative data item that matched the criterion.

46. (new) A computer-implemented method comprising:

accepting selection of a trigger for an investment included in one or more feeds of data from individual sources of information, the trigger being provided by an entity other than a user from which the trigger is received;

sending an indication of the selection via the Internet to a service that is configured to compare information extracted from the one or more feeds of data with a criterion associated with the trigger, the criterion being specified by the entity; and

receiving an alert that includes a footnote indicator when information in the one or more feeds of data matches the criterion.

47. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 46, wherein the footnote indicator comprises a link to a particular said feed of data.

48. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 46, wherein the footnote comprises the information from said feeds of data that matches the criterion.

49. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 46, wherein the alert comprises a text message.

50. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 46, wherein the information comprises quantitative data items.

51. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 50, wherein quantitative data items are included parameterized data fields in said feeds of data.